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A LITTLE SENTIMENT

In another column will be found the report of the local branch of the Red Cross Society, which would indicate that that organization has been busy and has done much good work during the year. The Red Cross Society is perhaps the one society which gets closest to the heart of the boy actually at the front. Cold cash is a very fine thing to have where there are unlimited possibilities to spend it. It will purchase a lot of things, and even such things as the Red Cross Society furnishes the boys, but somehow or other these little home-made necessities are like the "pies that mother used to make."

Us mere men cannot get away from it, but somehow or other we take a great delight in cherishing some small but comfortable article which we know some wife, some mother, some sister or some sweetheart perhaps, had a hand in making. There is sentiment attached to such things and we like to think of them. And if we at home so appreciate these little articles, with how much more sentiment must they be appreciated by the boy who day after day is associated only with male companions, is isolated from the refining influences of female companionship, and who perhaps for a while thinks of them only as dreams of the past and visions of the future. A thousand thankful hearts on the battlefield today doubtless beat faster with gratitude when the Red Cross supplies reach the boys.

So don't forget that just a little "flour on your part not only means a little comfort for the boy, but also has its effect in softening the natures that must rapidly be becoming harder and more brittle by constant association with brutality, hard scenes and deprivations. Think of these things and make a pair of socks for the boys. Money, after all, is not everything.

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It is through such organizations as these that the farmer will eventually make this Province more habitable, the environments more suitable to the requirements of his wife and family, and it is hoped that every farmer in the Province will some day be enrolled on its membership list.

The writer of this article for a number of years followed the annual convention of this organization, and the speeches at these gatherings showed an intellectuality that would do credit to any profession, and the oratorical flights were sometimes remarkable. These things go to show that the "hayseed," the "country bumpkin," the "mess back" no longer exist, and that the farmer of today is quite eligible to rub shoulders with any professional or business man and not suffer any by comparison.

The work of this latest convention will no doubt bear much good fruit.

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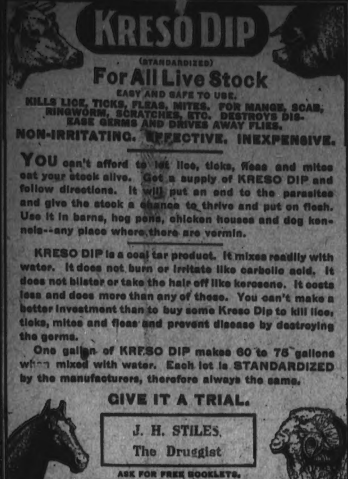
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